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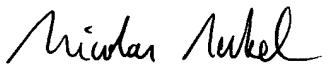
**REMARKS**

By the present amendment, the claims have been amended to modify the dependencies and adapt the format to US practice. New claims 13-16 correspond to claims 9-12 but are dependent on claim 8. New claim 17 corresponds to claim 8 but is dependent on claim 2. New claims 18-20 correspond to claims 13-15 but are dependent on claim 17.

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